By the King.

A Proclamation for garbling of ſpices, and other things garbleable.

WHEREAS diuers good and neceſſary prouiſions haue beene heeretofore made, as well by Acte of Parliament, as otherwiſe, for the well garbling of Spices, Drugs, and other goods, Wares & merchandiſes garbleable, to the end the Subiects of this his Maieſties Realme, might not be deceiued in vſing any vnwholeſome Spices or Drugges, or in buying the bad in ſtead of the good; And his Maieſtie and his noble progenitors and predeceſſours, Kings and Queenes of this Realme, in furtherance of the good intended to the Subiect by thoſe Lawes and prouiſions, haue from time to time, conſtituted and appointed particular Officers by letters Patents vnder the great Seale of England, to view, garble, diſtinguiſh, ſeale, or marke the ſaid garbleable Spices, goods, wares and merchandizes: And yet notwithſtanding any courſe heretofore taken, his Maieſtie is credibly informed, that many abuſes are ſtill practiſed and committed by Merchants, Maſters of Ships, Shopkeepers, and others vttering the ſaid Spices, Drugges, goods, wares and merchandiſes, contrary to the true meaning of the ſaid Lawes, Statutes, Letters Patents, and other prouiſions aforeſaid, to the great preiudice of his Maieſties Subiects of this Kingdome in generall.

His Maieſty (for preuenting the like inconueniences hereafter, and that all men whom the premiſes ſhall concerne, may take notice of his Pleaſure, and be void of all excuſe, for want of knowledge or vnderſtanding of the ſame, if hereafter they ſhall offend in this kinde) hath out of his accuſtomed grace, cauſed his Royall and Princely care and fauour to be by theſe preſents vniuerſally diuulged and publiſhed. And therefore, his moſt Excellent Maieſtie, doeth ſtraitly charge and command, That no perſon or perſons, Engliſhmen, Denizen or ſtranger, doe at any time or times hereafter, preſume or attempt to ſell, or offer to be ſolde within this Realme of England, the Dominion of Wales, or port, or towne of Barwicke, any maner of Spices, Drugges, fruits, ſeeds, goods, wares, or merchandizes garbleable, that are, or at any time hereafter ſhall, may, or ought to be garbled, viewed, ſearched, tryed, made cleane, packed, bagged, marked or made wholeſome or meet for mans vſe, or the good from the bad to be diuided, ſeuered, ſeparated, or made knowen, vntill the ſame be by the Garblers of the City of London within the ſaid City and liberties thereof, and out of the ſame City, by the garbler or officer thereto by his Maieſtie, his Heires or Succeſſors, aſſigned or appointed, and hereafter to be aſſigned or appointed, their deputies or aſſignes, garbled, viewed, ſearched, tryed, made cleane, cleanſed, packed, bagged and marked, and the good from the bad diuided, ſeuered, ſeparated, and made knowen, and ſealed or marked according to the Lawes, Ordinances, and Prouiſions heeretofore made in that behalfe, vpon ſuch paines, penalties and puniſhments, as by the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme, or by his Maieſties prerogatiue Royall, may be inflicted vpon them for ſuch their offences and contempt againſt his Royall command. And his Maieſty doth alſo charge and command, aſwell all and ſingular Merchants, and other perſon & perſons whatſoeuer, which ſhall import any of the ſaid Spices, Drugs, fruits, ſeeds, or other the premiſſes whatſoeuer, and all others whom it ſhall or may concerne, That they nor any of them doe at any time hereafter practiſe, doe, or put in vre, any ſhift, way, or deuice whatſoeuer, either by entring the ſame ſpices, drugges, wares and merchandiſes garbleable in the Cuſtomehouſes, in the name or names of any other perſon or perſons, then the true owners thereof, or by too ſudden and haſtie conueying the ſame from the Cuſtomehouſes, before the Garbler may conueniently take notice thereof, or otherwiſe howſoeuer, whereby the true intent of this his Maieſties Proclamation may be in any ſort deluded or defrauded, or whereby any the ſaid ſpices, drugges, wares or merchandiſes garbleable, may be ſolde and paſſe from hand to hand without being garbled, ſearched, diſtinguiſhed or diuided, as aforeſaid. And his Maieſtie doeth hereby charge and command all Cuſtomers and other Officers whatſoeuer, That they take ſpeciall care and regard to the due performance of the premiſſes, as they tender his Maieſties pleaſure, and will auoid the contrary.

Giuen at Our Court at Theobalds, the fift day of Nouember, in the yeere of Our Reigne of England, France, and Ireland, the twentieth, and of Scotland the ſixe and fiftieth.

God ſaue the King.

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